

# NPTC Certificate of competence in manually fed woodchipper operations

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## Overview

This 1 day training course is aimed at those who use wood chippers as part of their work, either in horticulture, arboriculture or forestry.

This covers the use of manually fed wood chippers, (including tracked chippers), covering pre-use checks and maintenance, identification of controls and instruments, operating the machine to chip material appropriate to the capacity of the machine, and hitching and unhitching of the machine.

Certificate of competence awarded to delegates who achieve the required level of competence and successfully complete a practical test with one to one verbal questioning.

## Course Content

- Identify, inspect and comment on key parts of the machine
- Prepare the machine for work safely without risk to themselves, other people or the environment
- Carry out daily and routine maintenance on the machine
- Operate the machine safely and competently without risk to themselves, others and the environment
- Follow the correct procedure to adjust chip size
- Deal with blockages
- Maintain cutting systems as per manufacturer's instructions
- Prepare the machine for transportation

## Course Requirements

Materials: Brash / brushwood / branch material, 2. short round-wood of diameter up to in-feed capacity of chipper and 3. long round-wood must be available of sufficient quantity to enable candidate to feed a variety of sizes & lengths of each of the 3 categories.

Suitable Site: The assessment must take place on a suitable site that contains a supply of arising's suitable for chipping. Adequate cover should be available for operator maintenance in the case of inclement weather.

## Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

You are required to provide your own Tools & Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for this training course.

